



## Tom Ebert Director Profile

Tom Ebert, St. George, was elected in 2005 to his first term as cooperative board member for the cooperative headquarter in Manhattan.

**FARMING OPERATION:** I grew up in the Flush area and started farming with my dad after high school graduation. We farmed together until 1984. My farming operation consists of corn, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa. I also run a cow/calf operation. The calves are usually sold as feeders. Prairie hay and brome are baled for use in my own cattle or sold to customers.

**NUMBER OF YEARS AS COOP DIRECTOR:** 10 years, seven of which were with a neighboring cooperative.

**OTHER BOARDS YOU HAVE SERVED ON:** Coop Board (St. Marys, Belvue, and Wamego); Church Council; Farm Bureau Board; FHA Advisory Board.

**WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED AS A DIRECTOR:** I have learned how important our patrons, employees, and board members are to the success of this coop.

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL THE MEMBERS ABOUT THE COOPERATIVE:** I would tell members of the cooperative how important they are to the coop. We need their business to continue to be successful.

**WHAT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT PART ABOUT BEING A DIRECTOR:** Some decisions that are made will not satisfy all patrons all the time. Board members set policy but do not have control over daily operations of the coop

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE WITHIN YOUR COOPERATIVE:** I would like to see the coop continue to make improvements to equipment and facilities. Improvements and updates that improve efficiency and improve service will help us to stay competitive.